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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : PSB Panels

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1. Escapes (D-18): [] says that a new reporting method has been instituted which will report the number, background, and nationality of persons in the refugee pool. He estimates that this new reporting system will force the Defense Department to utilize some of the escapes. A meeting was held last week with members of all Area Divisions to discuss means of utilizing as many as possible.

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3. Middle East (D-22): [] (PSB) says that the blue (approved) version of this plan will be published the week of 16 February.

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4. Southeast Asia (D-23): [] of PSB has made changes in Sections V and VI of the 5 January draft and will try to get panel approval of the plan to that point. He says that the 5 January draft was being given a thorough review at the State Department.

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5. [] [] says that a sterilized version of this plan has been sent to the field to develop a support plan.

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6. East-West Trade (D-28): The question of dropping this panel was brought up at the PSB staff meeting on 11 February. [] and [] have no objection to dropping the plan.

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7. Doctrinal Warfare (D-33): [] says that a draft of the plan is being prepared and that the panel has discussed targets and vulnerabilities of Communist ideology. The plan in general will include what is being done, what can be done, and in general, how we can go about doing it. [] says the paper is approximately one-third completed and that the panel is currently arguing about targets. State Department was unwilling to proceed with the book research project referred to in previous memoranda and as far as the panel is concerned the project has been dropped.

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8. Soviet Vulnerabilities

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25X1A 8. Soviet Vulnerabilities: [] is interested in being advised on the progress of this panel since he feels it ties in closely with his work on International Conferences.) A report on Soviet Sensitivities, prepared under the direction of Boris Klossen of State, was received 14 February and sent to [] regards this paper as a good one and requests that [] study it and prepare comments for a future meeting with the other representatives to make recommendations for future action and/or study.

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